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HEADING FOR HOME: Scott Pirmann of Port Matilda, Pennsylvania rounds the corner and heads for home during the first day of racing at the Thirteenth annual Minden Sled Dog Derby. Scott placed twentieth among the more than 40 entries in the eight dog class. For more details see story below and photos on pages 4 and 5.

Provincial announcements

Changes touch all aspects

by Andrew Milne

Sweeping changes to virtually all aspects of local government announced this week by the province have left most local stakeholders apprehensive, and a few hopeful. Nearly all are unprepared to speculate as yet on the eventual effects.

Answering a question with respect to the implementation of the amalgamation of school boards, Haliburton County board chair Cheryl Murdoch could have been speaking for almost any of her colleagues in offices and boardrooms around the county.

Said Murdoch, "The answer is, we don't know. And the province doesn't know. Quite probably, no one knows. We asked a lot of questions, and the answer to most of them was 'we don't know'."

The province is describing this as an exercise in disentanglement, in which services provided by overlapping jurisdictions (provincial or municipal) are divided up between the two. Critics are charging the province is divesting itself

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Even the thermometer sets chill mark

Records fall at Sled Dog Derby

A record number of teams battled record cold temperatures this past weekend as thousands of spectators flocked to Minden for the annual Techni-Cal Challenge Sled Dog Derby.

Despite the bone chilling conditions, they came in droves to watch the best sprint class mushers in North American compete...and they weren't disappointed.

Perennial champions and past Minden winners Terri Killam of Northboro, Massachusetts and Lou Serre of Markstay, Ontario captured the eight and four dog titles respectively. And in doing so they both set course records.

Killam completed the eight dog course, a distance of eight miles, in 51:44.96

minutes. She was able to shave almost a minute off her Saturday time of 26:14.26 minutes with a Sunday run of 25:30.70 minutes to claim the title.

Serre ended the two days of racing, four miles each day, with a combined total of 30:27.67 minutes. His Saturday time was 15:18.99 compared with 15:08.68 on Sunday.

Serre also competed in the eight dog event placing third with a time of 53:43.24 minutes.

Killam's win was a decisive victory, with the second place team of Real Turmel of St. Augustin, Quebec some two and a half minutes behind her total. He ran the distance in 54:05.25. Fourth place went to John Samburg of Paul Smiths,

New York with a time of 55:06.41 while Lionel Petit of Gatineau, Quebec was fifth at 55:57.81.

Second place in the four dog competition went to Clint Schiafone of Oak Ridges with a time of 31:35.37. Third was Gary Callaghan of Madison, Ontario at 31:40.21. Shirley Wolf of Gaylord Michigan placed forth with a time of 31:51.47 while Dawn Simmerman was fifth at 32:09.25.

For their efforts, the top 20 mushers in each division took home over \$25,000 in prize money and important points which count toward the International Sled Dog Racing Association's North American championships.

The mushers seemed

pleased with the new course which was introduced this year. It eliminated some of the more challenging hills but also introduced several tricky turns which required adroit sled handling and team control.

Race Governor Val Lougheed was delighted with the turnout of both mushers and spectators. "With close to 80 teams competing, we continued to be the premier event in sprint class sled dog racing," she said after the event. "After thirteen years, the Minden Techni-Cal Challenge has developed a reputation for a challenging course, good organization and community involvement. I would say that, after this year's derby, our reputation is safe."

Lougheed also had praise

for the thousands of spectators, many of whom had travelled hundreds of miles to take in the two days of racing. "If the racers were in top form, our many visitors who braved record-breaking temperatures, demonstrated an endurance and enthusiasm that I found exceptional."

This was the thirteenth edition of the Minden Techni-Cal Challenge Sled Dog Derby. The event is sponsored by Martin Pet Foods of Elmira.

For a gallery of photos from the weekend competition, please turn to pages 4 and 5.

Jim McMahon announces intention to seek federal Tory nomination

Jim McMahon of Minden has announced his intention to seek the nomination as a candidate for the federal Progressive Conservative Party, representing the Victoria-Haliburton riding.

McMahon says he was approached in November by party officials and asked to run in the 1997 federal election. After careful consideration, McMahon decided last week to stand for nomination.

Accountability is a major concern to McMahon. He cited the following as a few examples of the current Liberal government's lack of accountability:

The Mulroney Airbus scandal and the fact that the Liberals are going to pick up his legal fees and have apologized to him; the Somalia affair; not living up to the promises made in their campaign regarding the GST; the expensive by-election, when Sheila Copps quit and was re-elected; Chretien threatening to not sign nomination papers of those who wouldn't tow the party line; and the tax breaks which were taken away, without warning, from the seniors... the people who built this country.

"Where's the accountability," he asked? "I don't see any."

On the gun control issue, McMahon said: "When Chretien told the Liberal Members of Parliament that if they didn't vote for the party's policy he could refuse to sign their nomination papers (suggesting that they must vote for Bill C-68 or risk losing their nomination) ... that isn't democracy."

He said that it isn't the legally owned guns that are killing people and that illegal firearms are too easy to get, noting that registration of all firearms would do nothing to curb violent crime.

He suggested that the immigration laws should be tightened to ensure that violence isn't imported into Canada from other countries.

McMahon says he sees numerous areas that need improvement at the federal level.

An example is in the farming industry.

"Grain prices have never been so high," he noted. "Yet our local farmers are suffering. Not only from the high prices they are paying for grain, but also from the low prices they are receiving for their cattle. We don't

have a grain shortage, we're exporting grain. Why don't we look after our own people?"

Child poverty in Canada is another issue that McMahon says shouldn't exist in a country like Canada, with its record for humanitarian efforts and its wealth of resources.

"We shouldn't have child poverty in Canada," he said. "Charity begins at home. Why are we funding third world countries when we should be looking after our own children first."

McMahon is also concerned about today's youth and the lack of jobs for them locally. He doesn't believe they should be forced to move to a large city to find employment.

Commenting on the economy, McMahon says he believes that tough decisions must be made now, to prepare for the future.

"The provincial Tories are taking a pragmatic approach to the running of the province and I'm sure it's hurting a lot of people, but it has to be done or there will be nothing for our next generation," he said. "Jean Charest (the federal Tory leader) is looking along those same lines."

Personal

Jim McMahon is a local business man. He owns and operates McMahon's Feeds 'N

Needs, a family feed, pet food and dog grooming business, with wife Janet. Their 18 year-old daughter Amy also helps with the family business, part time.

McMahon has a background in marketing and sales (import and export of freight) in the transportation industry, including rail, steamer, transport and air.

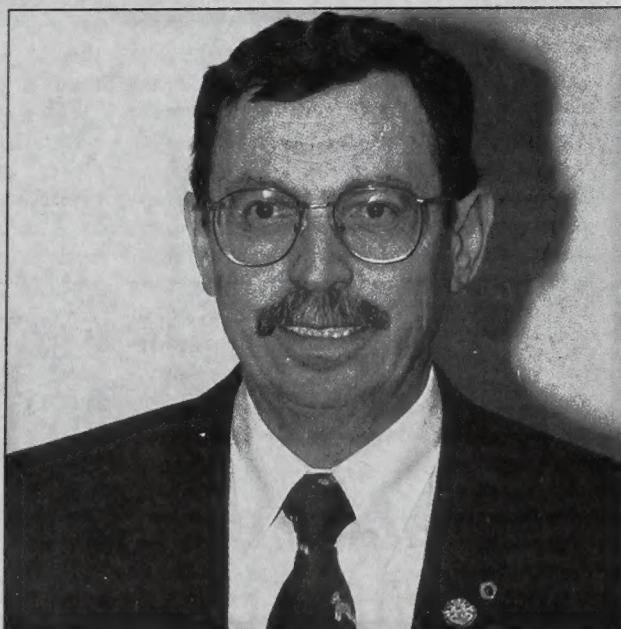
He built a cottage in Haliburton County in 1968 and moved here permanently in 1982.

McMahon was the deputy-reeve of Lutterworth Township from 1988-94; warden of Haliburton County for the 1993/94 term; and has been reeve of Lutterworth from 1994 to the present.

"I have sat on just about every committee of county council and I've been chair of the Roads Committee for the past two years," he said.

McMahon has received several awards, including:

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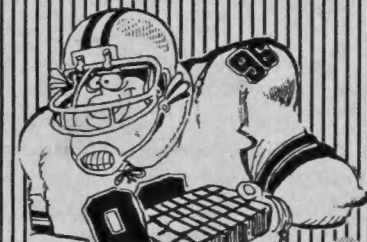
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Feature

'Blitz week' a tactic with a history

The Harris government's 'megaweek' of election reforms may actually follow a pattern common to many such neo-conservative/restructuring governments, says a New Zealand observer who has been studying such movements' proliferation around the world.

And the probable reason behind that pattern may be somewhat chilling to anyone who values the checks and balances assumed to be built into the legislative structures of Canada's system of

representative democracy.

Worse news yet, to weary survivors of Mike Harris' revolution, is the possibility, based on New Zealand's experiences, that this is pain that may not lead to advertised gains.

Move fast, don't blink

Essentially, says Jane Kelsey, a New Zealand law professor who observed the 1984 neoconservative 'coup' in that country, the strategy, past the initial honeymoon period during which an incumbent government can blame its difficulties on its predecessor, is 'move fast, and don't blink' — and the aim is to keep any potential opposition off balance, by striking in so many places at once that anyone even assessing — let alone countering — what is being done is effectively impossible.

Says Ed Finn, a research associate with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a national think-tank that develops alternatives to the traditional restructuring strategies now in vogue with many governments, and which has also studied the evolution of the approach, "It was initiated I think originally in the

"A good part of the motivation is to stun the opposition, divide the opposition... by hitting them in so many places and in so many different ways, and so quickly that it becomes very difficult to concentrate... and to mobilize and coordinate strategy."

— Ed Finn, CCPA

Doctor leaves clinic after one month

Barely a month after joining the Lions Medical Centre, Dr. Ken Hedge has left the community.

The doctor announced his departure early last week, stating he was leaving the community for "personal reasons". He commented that he was most gratified by the warm welcome the community had shown him since he joined the clinic in early December. Dr. Hedges said he planned to resume seeking short

term locum positions in northern Ontario communities.

A spokesman for the management of the Lions Medical Centre said he was disappointed with the doctor's departure. However they indicated they would continue to work with the Community Committee for Physicians to attract additional doctors to the Minden clinic. At the moment the committee is following up on a number of prospects.

UK under Thatcher, and then the US under Reagan, and then New Zealand, where the strategy was refined by [finance minister] Roger Douglas... A good part of the motivation is to stun the opposition, divide the opposition — confuse and diffuse the opposition by hitting them in so many places and in so many different ways, and so quickly that it becomes very difficult to concentrate on any one of the areas that is being affected and to mobilize and coordinate strategy. It's been very effective, I think — it's worked for Ralph Klein in Alberta as well, when he brought in the whole story of cutbacks in a very short period. I think certainly the scope and the rapidity of these changes that are coming from the Ontario government would suggest to me that's part of what's going on."

Among the problems with that approach, say critics, is that it quite seriously short-circuits any serious democratic debate on the subject, and makes it very difficult for the public to grasp in any significant way the possible ramifications of the legislation being introduced in their name.

Says Finn, "It certainly is very inimical

to the democratic process. Because the government has all the advantage in that it's making the decisions, and it can affect the changes at whatever pace it chooses, but the people who are affected by them, which are the people involved in these various sectors, and their clientele, they just don't have the resources to respond adequately or effectively in

so short a period of time. I think it impairs the democratic process considerably when the people who have a stake in these sectors aren't really given a chance to respond to them and to develop their arguments and their counterproposals... And the overall effect, eventually, you could argue is that by having fewer levels of government and fewer levels of local government — whether school boards or municipalities, that makes it more difficult for citizens to participate in the democratic process."

The analysis does seem plausible, with respect to the megaweek changes. The Harris government is proposing sweeping, drastic changes to an incredible range of local government structures — from education to police to sewers — and at least in the area of edu-

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GOVERNMENT BY BLITZ

BY ANDREW MILNE

McMahon confident PC Party can win back this riding

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Certificate in Principles of Professional Salesmanship; Certificate in American Management Association; Certificate of Merit - Celebration 1988 from Government of Canada; Recognition Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community from Employment and Immigration Canada for seven years of volunteer work with the Haliburton County Development Corporation; and Lions Club Camp Kirk Chair Certificate.

In his spare time, McMahon says he enjoys part-time farming and restoring antique furniture.

McMahon describes himself as:

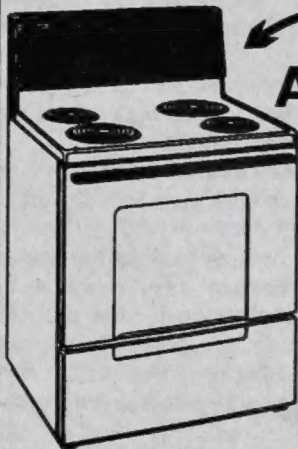
"Hard working and unselfish, consci-

entious, straight, honest and fair. I use 21st century business practices and I'm creative. I am a modest man and I serve my community, my family and my conscience."

He says he is a "people person" who will represent the people of the Victoria-Haliburton riding. He says he has a good track record and he thinks the riding can be won back by the PC Party with the right candidate.

McMahon is convinced that the Progressive Conservative Party is the only one that has a chance of winning this riding away from the Liberals in the coming federal election and he is confident that he has a better chance to accomplish that goal than the others seeking the nomination for this riding.

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Major changes touch all the bases

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of significant responsibility in a wide range of services, downloading those to the municipalities, to make cuts less their problem.

The province's changes, in precis, were:

Education

■ Education has been removed from the property tax rolls, and shifted to the province. This change is perhaps the single most significant of the province's acts last week. In one move, it greatly reduces the power of boards of education, transferring these powers to the province. It also has the potential to iron out long-standing funding disparities between rural areas like Haliburton County, and urban boards — a possibility about which teacher groups and board members have expressed cautious optimism. The possibility also exists, however, they say, that the province will make deep cuts to education budgets, now that its control of them is greater.

■ The Haliburton, Muskoka, and Victoria boards of education have been amalgamated into a single 'district board', with more than 23,000 students, as part of an across-the province reconfiguration which boils down the number of boards to 66 from 129. The current Haliburton County board, a relatively small board, has around 2,500 students. The number of trustees is also expected to be significantly reduced — since province-wide the province is reducing this number from 1,900 to 700, but a formula finalizing the local number has yet to be released. The most recent formula, from the NDP's school board reduction task force, might have granted Haliburton County one trustee, down from 13.

■ An extremely powerful 'education improvement committee' has been proposed to oversee the transition from the current system to the new one. The committee's powers are strikingly sweeping — with clauses in the legislation that give it final say over board of education budgets over the coming year, and that suspend normal judicial review processes meant to mitigate government's potential legislative excesses. The boards' association has reviewed the possibility of challenging this action on constitutional grounds, and

says it has been advised such a case would be quite strong.

Community and Social Services

■ The province will now share welfare costs 50/50 with municipal governments, where previously, most programs were funded at around 80 per cent by the province. The government is trying to sell the move as a benevolent one, based on their own projections that welfare needs will continue to decline in the near future, but municipalities are less confident at this stage. The social planning council of Metro Toronto, which monitors numbers across the province, says there was actually a small jump in the numbers recently, and isn't sure where things might go from here.

■ The province will hand over management of child care to the municipal level, and expect municipalities to pick up half the costs of these services as well. The transfer will be phased in, according to most recent information, over a period of two to three years, during which it will be mandatory that municipalities provide these services. After this, as far as anyone knows as yet, the municipalities may be on their own as to whether or not they wish to provide the service. Public daycare advocates have speculated the change might prove devastating to the sector.

Health care

■ Long-term care facilities such as Hyland Crest will now be funded 50/50 between the province and municipalities, where formerly they were 80% paid for by the province. Critics charge this may well force either major property tax increases, or declining care standards, though the province claims it will ensure care standards are maintained, and is instituting a new provincial agency to administer the facilities. Canada's population is aging, and the population of such facilities is projected to increase over the next decade.

■ Ambulance services will now be paid for entirely by municipalities.

■ Public health programs are now also a municipal responsibility.

Utilities, police services and libraries

■ Municipalities will now assume full responsibility for local transportation, sewage, and water sys-

tems. The province is billing these services as the trade for education. Currently, only two municipalities in Haliburton county — Dysart et al and Anson, Hindon and Minden have municipal sewer systems, while only the latter maintains a water system. Any municipal facilities currently owned by the Ontario Clean Water Agency will be handed over to the municipalities.

■ Grants provided for the operation of public libraries will be phased out. The government has not yet announced over how long.

■ Rural municipalities will be billed for the provision of police services, but these services will still be provided by the OPP. How large a chunk of the tax bill this might be has yet to be announced, but it is expected to be significant.

Taxation

■ A sweeping reassessment of property values is being conducted, and actual value assessment — a system in which property values are reassessed annually — will be implemented across the province. Currently, probably the biggest losers will be home and business owners in urban areas whose market value has skyrocketed since their last assessment. Local impact of this change has yet to be considered.

■ Forest land will now be assessed at 25 per cent of the residential rate. That change may cost Dysart et al, in particular, dearly, with one very rough, initial estimate from reeve Murray Fearrey putting the loss in revenue around \$300,000. Fearrey says however he hopes a provincial buffer fund set up for the purpose may cushion this blow. The change comes in concert with the elimination of the Managed Forest Tax Rebate program, which used to reduce forest land owners' taxes after assessment.

■ The business occupancy tax has been scrapped. Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon is guessing that may hurt municipalities significantly. The province is suggesting it will be up to municipalities if they wish to replace the lost revenue with changes to realty taxes.

The Times expects to be covering potential ramifications of these changes serially over the next several weeks, to give commentators time to assess the possi-

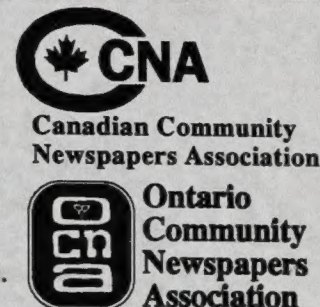
It snowed... They came.

Despite the cold thousands of spectators were on hand both Saturday to take in the Minden Techni-Cal Challenge sled dog derby. Organizers were pleased that the event came off as smoothly as it did, especially in light of the fact that the event had faced some difficulties from the weather in recent years.



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Of fact and theory

Editorial

Over the next several years, the fall-out from the provincial government's 'blitz week' of restructuring initiatives will begin to come down to the hard and ugly, as the high-flying rhetoric of Mike Harris' Tories begins to prove or disprove its worth, in the quality of life enjoyed by all Ontarians.

Remember that that's what this is all supposed to be about. We do not elect a government, nor get elected, to prove a point. We elect a government because we believe it will deliver the goods.

Ontarians are warned to remember this for the following considered reason: the current provincial government has already shown some alarming tendencies towards ideological puritanism. It has trumpeted the sacred quality of market forces from every available podium, and given every appearance of true believers, convinced that only with the most determined of convictions can they prevail against vested interests they perceive to be waiting to derail them at

every corner.

There is, it might be noted parenthetically, some limited validity to this fear, and it might even be noted they have succeeded in implementing some changes that may well prove valuable — including property tax reform — that only so determined a group could have achieved.

There are, however, two very dangerous downsides to this conviction. And these are two things for which Ontarians, if they value having an honest and genuinely democratic government, should watch very closely.

First, they had better ensure their government listens when it says it's going to do so. A government that seems conveniently to view all organized groups which might have something to say that it doesn't want to hear, as 'special interests' might have some difficulty doing this. And doing so would belie any claims on the part of the government that the process it has

followed in the last week is in any way democratic. Only if this government listens, and is reasonable, in the face of local concerns with the changes it has implemented, is this, its latest massive round of initiatives, anything less than a rather cavalier short-circuiting of the democratic system.

Secondly, they should watch, most closely, for signs that the government is being less than entirely honest in assessing the effectiveness of its reforms. With such faith in their own ideological convictions, and with such a stake in their beliefs being borne out, such governments have in the past got rather creative in the interpretation of employment figures, and other indicators of economic growth.

It's a simple principle really, that Ontarians and their government must remember: when facts do not fit theory, one normally revises the theory, not the facts.

— ajm

A united vision of health care

Letters

Editor:

We, as members of the Ontario Nurses' Association in the Haliburton Highlands, wish to voice our concerns with the drastic cuts to our health care system in the province of Ontario.

In the County of Haliburton, we have personally felt the effects of these changes and now feel as Registered Nurses we can no longer stand by and watch the erosion of one of the best health care systems in the world.

At the same time, we understand, as a society, that change is necessary to continue to provide the quality of health care that we require.

It is with great honour and excitement we, the grassroots members of the Ontario Nurses' Association, wish to share our vision on how to save medicare.

Nurses want to create a seamless system of health and health-related social services that provides high quality, appropriate, consumer-oriented, outcome-based and cost-

effective services within a flexible design to meet each community's unique needs and improve the health status of the population.

Our vision to save Medicare is similar to what the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board plans in the integrated health care delivery system. This system would co-ordinate all health services working together to provide an accessible delivery system all under one umbrella and at the same time reduce administrative cost and duplication of services.

We are sure you share our concern over the health care changes and wish to unite

with our efforts as Registered Nurses to promote our vision to provide the best quality care in the Haliburton Highlands.

Denise Northey, Pat Ferguson, Judith Toye, Michelle Stewart, Jeanette Gibbons, Janet McMullen, Cathy Griffin, Lynda William-Gonzalez, Betty Gillespie, Susan Robinson, Joanne Eccelstone, Melinda O'Mara, Debbie Watson, Susan Francis, Shannon Feir, Lynne Johnston, Chantal Thurston, Sandra Curry, Melanie Flood, Nancy Roberts, Stephanie Kuno, Jean Heathcote, Mary Hamilton, Sharon Morissette and Daphne Whiten:
all Registered Nurses serving the Haliburton Highlands.

Signs of service

Editor:

I was pleased to read of the decision of the Anson, Hindon and Minden Council to allow Boys Scout/Girl Guide organizations to include their logos on the service club

signs outside of Minden. They have joined, in their decision, many communities around Ontario.

I would, however, like to point out one misconception that some councillors, and I am

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Guides and Scouts deserve recognition

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sure many of the general public may hold. Helping others, or service, is the very heart of the philosophy and practise of Guiding and Scouting. From the *Good Turn*, to the more extended community service of the older youth, we see this ideal of practical principles of service in action.

I am, of course, more familiar with the contributions of the Guiding organization in our community. Many of our citizens will have recognized the girls in blue selling

poppies for the Legion; serving tea at the Artisans Festival and at the Flower Show; helping as hosts at the Museum's quilting show; singing Christmas Carols at Hyland Crest and the Seniors' Apartments; supporting drug awareness in our county; organizing the Christmas Wish Tree and assisting with the Christmas baskets; raising money for the food bank, contributions to sleeping children, support to the Women's Safety Network and the safe house; reading to the elderly; tree planting and spring

clean-up around the community....the list goes on.

Our aim is to help these young people become responsible citizens, able to give leadership and service to the community on a local, national or global basis. They give the greatest gift....themselves--their time, their energy and enthusiasm whenever they see an opportunity to help.

I am sure we will all be proud to see their symbols at the entry to our town--they are a recognizable asset.

Faith Aggett,
Minden.

Thank you....and please help yourselves

Editor:

Once again we are overwhelmed by the generosity of the residents (full time and seasonal) of Haliburton County!

The donations of clothing, household items and furniture to SIRCH Women's Emergency House have continued on a regular basis and we are presently "overstocked" with clothing and some household items. The intent of those who donated these articles was to assist individuals and families who were in immediate need and we feel it is important to comply with these wishes.

Therefore on Saturday, January 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., clothing and small house-

hold items will be available to the community. There will be no charge for these items (although cash donations to SIRCH Women's Emergency House are always appreciated), and everyone is welcome!

Thanks to the many men, women and children who have taken time and effort to donate clothing, toys, furniture and household items. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden for graciously providing the Hindon Room at the Minden Community Centre for the day.

Sheila Whiting,
Co-ordinator
SIRCH Women's Emergency House.

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Canada: a conspiracy theory-free zone

Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean that they're not out to get you.

Anon

There are more of them than us.

Herb Caen

Ah, sweet paranoia. I'm sure it has to be the major growth industry of the nineties. There was a time when being paranoid was a committable offence. Nowadays, it qualifies as a lifestyle.

Consider: One in eight Americans think that the entire NASA space program is a hoax. That all those moon walks and Mars probes and space shuttles were performed by actors on a movie set somewhere in rural Arizona. A significant number of Americans believe that the bodies of space aliens are being kept on ice at a secret U.S. Air Force base in Nevada. That JFK was murdered by assassins hired by his own vice president. That Elvis is alive, eating burgers and working the gas pumps at a service station in Wyoming.

Poor, gullible Americans. Just a few weeks ago we were treated to the spectacle of Pierre Salinger, once press secretary to the president, railing on about how he had proof that TWA Flight 800 was shot down by a U.S. missile.

He didn't and it wasn't.

But that won't quench the flames of galloping American paranoia. The Internet is currently awash with every kind of con-

spiracy theory you can imagine—and a couple of dozen you couldn't. Want to hear how the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms blew up their own building in Oklahoma City? How the Freemasons intend to overthrow the U.S. Government? How Hillary Clinton is actually the Antichrist in drag? It's all on the Internet. In tiresome, irrational detail.

Ah, those dopey, gormless Americans. Why couldn't they take a lesson from their more mature, rational neighbours to the north?

To wit: us. Canadians. We Canucks would never fall for that loopy, half-baked, paranoid conspiracy stuff. We're far too sensible. "Way too wise to the ways of the world. And why wouldn't we be? I mean we Canucks live in a land where:

- Our official government opposition is a party whose mandate is the destruction of Canada.

- Our 'National' Hockey League is composed of 26 teams. Six of which are Canadian.

- Our Canadian Football League is populated almost exclusively by American players.

- Our Government fisheries experts have managed to completely destroy the East Coast cod stocks and all but obliterated the West Coast salmon fishery.

Not that our glorious leaders confine their depredations to fish. Those same

two-faced politicians, marching lock-step with our business leaders, have, over the past several years, embarked on a frenzy of coast-to-coast downsizing and social program slashing. They clearly believe that the best way to make Canada healthy is to put as many people out of work just as quickly as possible. Not including themselves *bien sur*. This cunning economic strategy from a party of "Liberals" who got themselves elected on a promise of "Jobs, jobs, jobs."

We Canadians are blessed to live in a land in which the last two physical structures that serve to hold our country together, to ensure that Prince Edward Islanders have something in common with North West Territorians—to make Canadians somehow different and distinct from Nebraskans or New Hampshireites—I'm talking about the railways and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation—are being systematically dismantled and gutted by politicians who were elected to specifically keep us together.

It is our dubious fate to inhabit a country in which the Royal Canadian Mounted Police—the very symbol and essence of what Canada stands for at home and abroad—has been, for the purposes of "advertising and marketing" turned over to...

The Walt Disney Corporation of Florida. Now c'mon...What are you—nuts?

What do Canadians have to be paranoid about?

Et cetera
Arthur Black

Responsibility for police services will be transferred to municipalities

by Jerry Grozelle

The responsibility for police services will be hoisted onto the shoulders of municipalities if amendments to the Police Services Act pass second and third reading in the provincial legislature.

Solicitor General Robert Runciman says the amendments are designed to bring fairness into the way police services are delivered across the province.

"It is only fair that everyone make a contribution towards the cost of local police service through their municipal property taxes, he stated.

Currently, 576 municipalities in Ontario don't pay directly for their police services through their municipal property taxes.

"This government," Runciman said, "has taken action to correct the long-standing unfairness of some municipalities directly paying for their police services while others do not.

"These amendments will reduce waste and duplication and help to ensure effective protection for Ontario citizens," Runciman said. "For many years there has been a pressing need to change the way policing services are financed, delivered and governed in Ontario."

Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson noted that the province will continue to provide specialized police services such as forensic laboratory, DNA testing and access to CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre).

The changes won't take effect until 1998. That will give municipal governments one year to address the changes and take the appropriate action.

Hodgson said that after a meeting with Haliburton County representatives, the county has indicated a willingness to work together with the province on the issue.

"They appreciate the fact that we've given them this much time, he said.

Hodgson didn't have the figures relating to the per household cost that Haliburton County taxpayers can expect to pay for policing services.

"The numbers will come out in the next little while," he said, adding that the provincial government has committed \$1-billion to correct the shortfalls that some rural municipalities are expected to experience.

Shifting the responsibility for policing services to the municipal property tax levy is one of the trade-offs the provincial government has offered in return for assuming responsibility for education funding.

Local reactions range from concern about the possible impact on municipal taxes to cautious optimism.

Anthon responds

Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon said Friday that there is very little information available yet on which to assess the impact proposed changes to the Police Services Act will have on municipal taxes.

"The information is rather sketchy," she explained.

She says she has heard figures ranging as high as \$250 per household, depending on the quality of the service which is being provided, to supply police services.

"I understand that the provincial police are actually out there marketing themselves to some municipalities," Anthon said. "So, those who have the advantage of (several) neighbouring police forces can certainly shop for the best deal. We don't have that advantage up here. I'm sure we'll be going to the OPP."

Anthon also expressed some concern about how the police forces will be governed.

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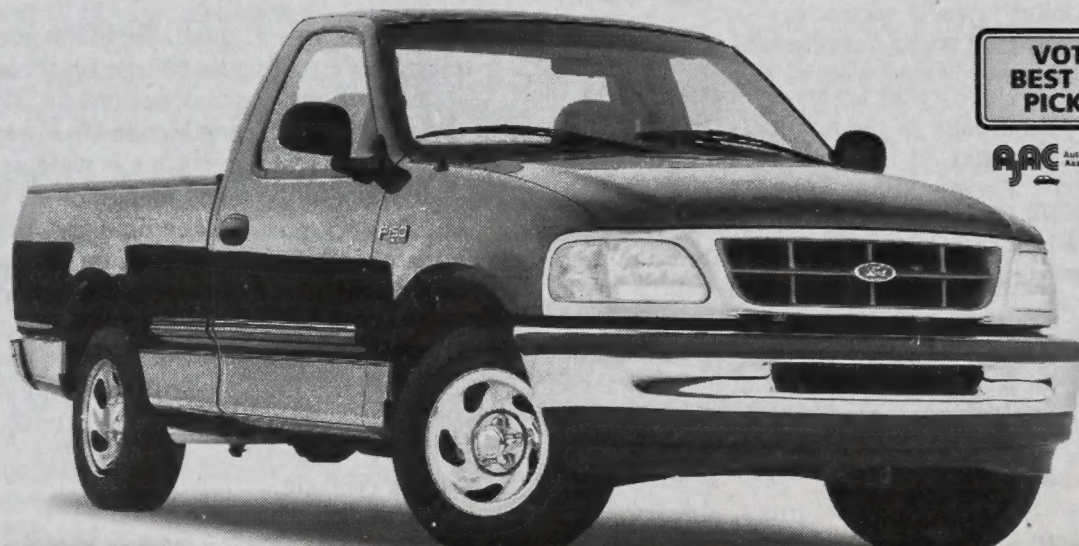
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Sports

MEN'S HOCKEY

If you like plenty of scoring action, check out the Minden Men's Hockey Association Mondays starting at 8 p.m. at the Minden arena

Redmen dethrone Falcons with 4-2 win

by Jerry Grozelle

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Redmen won a battle for first place in the Kawartha High School Hockey League by defeating the Fenelon Falls Falcons 4-2 on January 15 in Haliburton.

Going into the game, the Falcons were one point ahead of the Redmen at the top of the league standings.

"It was an excellent, fast paced, hard hitting, clean game," said Redmen coach Ron Yake. "and the right team won."

Yake told his players before the game that they have a chance to finish in first place, which would give them a distinct advantage in the playoffs. The team responded, coming out flying.

"They played as though they want to finish first," Yake said. "It was an excellent team effort."

Andrew McKelvey, a veteran defenseman with the Redmen, opened the scoring at the 2:04 mark of the first period, assisted by Mark Hughes. Less than two minutes later, Dennis Woods scored to give the Redmen a 2-0 advantage. Ryan Anderson set that one up.

The Falcons got one back with 1:17 left in the first period and the frame ended with the Haliburton team in front by a 2-1 count.

After a scoreless middle frame, Fenelon got back on even terms at the 1:1 mark of the third, cashing in on a power play opportunity. The game remained deadlocked at 2-2 for more than six and a half minutes. With 6:10 left in the 15-minute period, Greg Luck put the Redmen in front again, making



HELPING HANDS: Redmen goaltender Ashley Walker gets plenty of support here, with four white jerseys swarming around the net. The Redmen bounced the Fenelon Falls Falcons out of first place in the Kawartha High School Hockey League by defeating the FFSS team 4-2 January 15 in Haliburton.

good on a setup from Nick Kulas. Going in on a two-on-one, Luck put the shot high to the glove side of the Fenelon netminder, catching the corner. Jeff Wray added an insurance goal with 1:08 remaining in the game. Woods assisted.

Fenelon had some good scoring opportunities in the second period, but

Haliburton goalie Ashley Walker was up to the challenge.

Yake said defensemen Corey Casey and John Dennis have been playing well.

"They have really been shutting down the opposition's offense," he said. With last Wednesday's win, the

Redmen shared first place with Campbellford and Crestwood. The Campbellford Flames have since jumped into first place with 20 points. The Redmen, as of Friday, shared second place with the Crestwood Mustangs

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KDD, Hartwick winners in Men's League hockey

by Jerry Grozelle

Offense is the name of the game in the Minden Men's Hockey Association. That was apparent again on January 13 when Kountry Double D tangled with Home Hardware. Three periods and 19 goals later, the guys from the KDD team had a 12-7 win to show for their effort.

KDD had to come from behind to earn the victory. At the end of the first period Home Hardware held a 3-2 lead.

Early in the second frame, Home Hardware increased its lead to 4-2, but by the end of the period, the score was deadlocked at 5-5.

KDD took control of the game in the third, outscoring the opposition 7-2.

Scott Hamilton was a contributor in 11 of KDD's 12 goals, scoring three and assisting on eight. Charlie Teljeur and Craig Crowe scored four goals and assisted on three each. Tom Miscio and John Fedeski added one goal apiece to the winning tally. Greg Carpenter picked up three helpers, Scott Danilko had two and singles went to Dwayne Warburton and Greg Hurtle.

Daryl Ward and Scott Nesbitt notched two goals and two assists apiece for Home Hardware. Dean Sisson added one goal and assisted on a pair. John Walden and John Stephenson netted a goal each and Steve McCracken and Clark Craig contributed one assist each to the Home Hardware cause.

Hartwick 7, Westside 6

The Hartwick Construction players didn't let an

early two-goal deficit get them down. By the end of the first period they rebounded to even the score at 3-3 going into the second period.

From that point on, it was Westside that was forced to play catch-up. Hartwick scored the first goal of the middle frame to take the lead for the first time. Westside tied it at 4-4 before the period ended.

Hartwick scored two in a row in the third and Westside was never able to get back on even terms, although the Jug City crew remained within striking distance. A late Westside goal wasn't enough as Hartwick held on for the 7-6 win.

Andrew Burk paced the Hartwick attack with a pair of goals and as many assists. Wyatt Nesbitt added two goals to the winning score. Jeff Howe and Ivan Ingram notched one goal and two assists each and Jarrett Campbell scored one marker. Glenn Hall and Tom Bagshaw each picked up one assist.

Jeff Black was the leading marksman for Westside, with two goals to his credit. Jamie Dollo and Tony Vanlieshout each netted one goal and helped set up three more. Single goals also went to John Teljeur and Kent Taylor. Doug Schell and Gord Wood each earned one helper.

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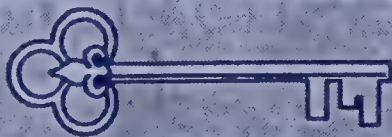
The Monarchs battled back to even terms with goals by Tyler Henderson and Sherri Walker. Mac Campbell assisted on the first Minden marker and Kody Smith set up the tying goal.

Manvers netted one more before the middle frame was finished and added two more in the third for a 5-2 lead.

Travis Walker closed the gap to 5-3 with an unassisted goal, but that is as close as the home team would get.



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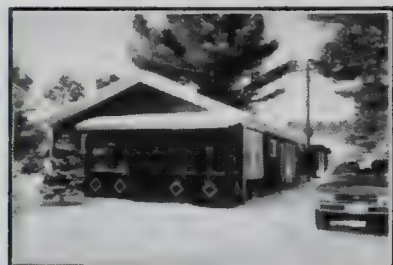
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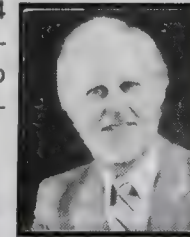
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- January 21:** Ministry of Health officials will be at the Minden Hospital to issue replacement health cards for those which have been lost, stolen or destroyed or for changes to information or new Ontario residents. Call 1-800-268-1154 before attending. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. In case of travel difficulties, the officials will attend January 22.
- January 24:** Annual meeting of the Minden Agricultural Society, sponsors of the Haliburton County Fair, at the Minden United Church. Dinner starts at 7 p.m., meeting to follow. Call 286-4749 if you plan to attend.
- January 24:** Annual meeting of the Monmouth Agricultural Society at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre, Wilberforce, 7 p.m.
- January 25:** The Haliburton Rotary Club presents its annual Snowarama fund raising snowmobile ride for Easter Seals at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. For pledge sheets and information, call 705-457-9335.
- January 25:** Cross-country ski tour of the new "easy" trails at Woodland Ranch, sponsored by the Haliburton Highland Cross Country Ski Club. Call for information 754-2351.
- January 25 & 26:** Car Racing on Ice at the Minden Fairgrounds, weather permitting.
- January 26:** Haliburton County Children's Concert Series presents The Stylamanders, a zany, high energy musical duo who combine original music, audience participation, yo-yo tricks and more, in the ball room at PineStone Resort and Conference Centre, 2 p.m.
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Legion 636 Mixed League (January 13)

High average: Georgina Parkes 163; Fred Knight 200
High single: Vina Dredge 204; Fred Knight 245
High single (handicap): Carlie McDonald 264; Fred Knight 266
High triple: Carlie McDonald 521; Fred Knight 631
High triple (handicap): Carlie McDonald 746; Fred Knight 694

Monday Evening Mixed League (January 13)

High average: Marlene Robinson 210; Scott Moore 226
High single: Marlene Robinson 227; Scott Moore 275
High single (handicap): Anita Marshall 255; Scott Moore 275
High triple: Marlene Robinson 609; Scott Moore 673

High triple (handicap): Joanne Camelon 723; Scott Moore 673

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors League (January 14)

High average: Eleanor Young 180; Walter Stegmaier 207
High single: Jo Newton 227; Ralph Young 212
High single (handicap): Jo Newton 284; Gerry Newton 294
High triple: Jo Newton 582; Gerry Newton 735
High triple (handicap): Jo Newton 753; Ralph Young 765

Tuesday Night Mixed League (January 14)

High average: Cathy Snell 202; Scott Moore 223

High single: Cathy Snell 206; Scott Moore 284
High single (handicap): Ann Franke 270; Scott Moore 286
High triple: Cathy Snell 541; Scott Moore 699
High triple (handicap): Ann Franke 722; Scott Moore 705

Thursday Afternoon Seniors League (January 16)

High average: Carolyn Beer 172; Ray Lymer 193
High single: Edith Alzner 239; Fred Knight 222
High single (handicap): Shirley Irwin 297; Roger Smallwood 270
High triple: Edith Alzner 624; Wayne Beer 614
High triple (handicap): Edith Alzner 762; Wayne Beer 764

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Redmen share second place

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and St. Peter's Saints, each with 18 points. The Falcons are a close third with 17. Thomas A. Stewart's Griffins, The Kenner Rams and Norwood Knights have 13 points apiece, the Peterborough Collegiate Raiders have eight; Lindsay's I.E. Weldon Wildcats have seven and the Adam Scott Lions trail the pack with three.

Campbellford and Fenelon Falls each have one game left in the regular season schedule while the Redmen have two, St. Peter's has three and Crestwood has four games left.

Yake said the game against Fenelon was "basically a four-point game" and the same applies to the contest against Crestwood on Wednesday, February 5 in Hali-burton at 8 p.m. The last game of the regular season schedule for the Redmen will be Thursday, February 6 in Norwood at 2:30 p.m.

Yake speculated that because of the close race this season, it will be the team that wants it the most that will win the championship.

"It's going to be a good playoff series," he said.

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Thursday Night Mixed League (January 16)

High average: Joan Rivard 169; Walt Stegmaier 209

High single: Donna Reinwald 253; Doug Reinwald 240

High single (handicap): Donna Reinwald 305; Doug Reinwald 263

High triple: Donna Reinwald 561; Walt Stegmaier 670

High triple (handicap): Donna Reinwald 717; Walt Stegmaier 712

Youth Bowling Council (week ending January 4)

Peewee League

High single: Tori Brown 111; Robert Cox 94

High double: Tori Brown 191; Robert Cox 174

Bantam League

High single: Lesley Cox 167; Jeff Mickle 172

High triple: Lesley Cox 436; Matt Moore 419

Junior/Senior League

High single: Jen Moore 190; Jeremy Pearce 204

High triple: Kelly Berry and Jen Moore 509 (tied); Jeremy Pearce 538

Mighty C Monarchs blank Mariposa 3-0

The Mighty C tyke hockey team scored a decisive win over the Mariposa 1 team on January 11 in Minden.

Stephen Roome earned the shutout between the Minden pipes as the Mighty C squad skated to a 3-0 shutout.

Edward Cyr opened the scoring for Minden late in the first period. Brent Doiron and Dean Hutchison assisted.

Mike Toye scored the second Minden goal at the 2:52 mark of the second period, assisted by Tanner Graham and Paddy Manuge. With 4:22 left in the mid-

dle frame, Doiron scored the last goal of the game, from Toye and Jared Mills.

The third period was scoreless.

A game slated for January 12 against the Fenelon Falls Flyers was cancelled because of the weather.

Thursday Night League prevails

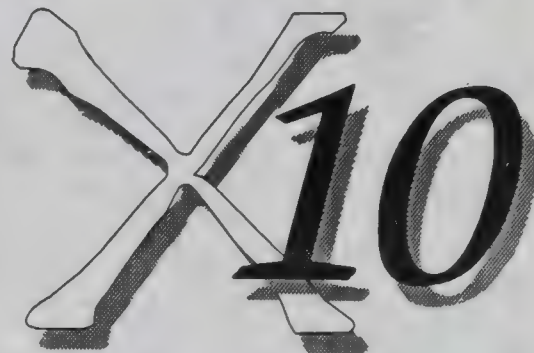
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It was a close contest, but the Thursday Night team of Bob Pollard (skip), Dana Kinsmen (vice), Mark Comeau (second) and Bill Beers (lead) prevailed by a 5-4 score over the Friday night rink. Runners-up were skip Cheryl Murdoch, vice Ross Petch, second Murray Cooper and lead Zelda Cooper.

Atom A Monarchs shaded 1-0

Newcastle managed to shut down the Minden offense, edging the OMHA Atom Monarchs 1-0 January 11 in Minden. The game remained scoreless until the third period, when Newcastle got one by Minden goaltender Ryan Cole.

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Concerns can't be addressed until information is complete

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"I'm uncomfortable with municipalities having authority over police departments," she added. "I understand that the police boards will have minimal municipal representation. But that simply aggravates the taxation without representation concept. We'll have to pay the bills, but will we really have much to say about it? I'm hoping the government will implement very solid standards across the province so local boards can't deteriorate the police service. There's no room for degeneration of services simply because we don't think we can afford it."

On a positive note, Anthon said: "I think the housekeeping is good for all of us in the sense that we're going to have to analyze as never before, clean house and take a fresh look at how we've done business. And I'm sure there will be a lot of benefits from that process. I have some confidence that the government is trying to provide for any undue hardship to municipalities and it'll all fall out in the next year or two."

Haliburton County warden and reeve of Dysart et al, Murray Fearrey is maintaining an

optimistic outlook regarding the changes which are being handed down by the provincial government.

He says speculation that police services could cost as much as \$200 to \$250 per household may be exaggerated. He said Saturday that he hadn't heard any official numbers at that time, but his contacts at Queen's Park have indicated the figure is "much less than a lot of us had anticipated. They're certainly well under \$100 per household."

"Until everything is made clear, in detail, everybody's assuming the worst," Murray Fearrey

"Policing is still going to be provided by the OPP. There may be a local police committee but we're certainly not going to make new rules for the police to operate under."

Maybe things will carry on as they are now and we'll just pay the price, I don't know, those things are not clear yet. How much extra work it's going to be for councils is not clear."

Fearrey isn't planning to jump to any conclusions. He prefers to wait until the appropriate information is available before he decides whether or not the changes are positive or negative.

"Until everything is made clear, in detail, everybody's assuming the worst," he said, adding that people have the tendency to "prejudge the numbers," which leads to all kinds of doom and gloom predictions.

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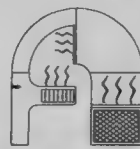
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Key questions on Ontario changes unanswered

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cation, has clearly concentrated a great deal of power, over formerly local structures, at the provincial level.

Government sources — including Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson — have another explanation for the hurried timetable, and for delivering the changes en masse as they have done. Hodgson explains the changes as a package deal, in which education has been taken off the property tax rolls, and other services delivered locally exchanged for them. Hodgson can also point out that at least the legislation has been broken into somewhat smaller packages than was the infamous omnibus bill, facilitating debate somewhat, and that the government is promising a public consultation process.

This might be, in qualified fashion, good news to those less than entirely sure the government knows what it's doing. It might mean Ontario's neoconservative movement is learning from the excesses of its predecessors, and taking a slightly more cautious, more pragmatic, less ideological approach to implementing its policies.

It might also be anything but. Although Hodgson, his fellow MPPs and the party's strategists can point to promises of public consultations planned through the balance of this year as evidence of an essentially democratic process, it's hard to see this defense as solid — particularly when many of the details of the changes are far from worked out, or, if they are worked out, are far from public at this juncture.

Many key questions — including es-

pecially many of the details of education finance, say the critics, simply haven't been answered yet. With the final decisions on those key questions in government hands, it is those questions that will really determine what the substance of the changes will be.

Said Haliburton board of education chair Cheryl Murdoch, reflecting on a question and answer period on school board amalgamations and education finance following a surprise summons to an address by the Minister of Education last Monday, "We came at the Minister with a lot of these questions — specific questions — how is this to be handled? What happens to the employee contracts? The answer to almost everything was either 'We don't know yet', or 'The commission will decide'. They really didn't have much to tell us."

Considering, say board sources, that the transition to the amalgamated boards is to be effected as of the end of this year, it's hard to see how substantial de-

bate can be had in this atmosphere.

Roger Douglas, *Unfinished Business*, and the neocon tour

While government by blitzkrieg may sound like a new idea to many, it's apparently hardly so new in neoconservative circles. And Kelsey has one very clear piece of evidence to point to on this score: the career and writings of Roger Douglas.

Roger Douglas was finance minister under New Zealand's 1984 Labour government — a government formed by a formerly left-wing party with a tradition of policies evocative of social democracy, which shortly after the election moved in directions that would seem quite familiar to Ontario's (and indeed, most of Canada's) people: preaching the now almost tedious neoconservative dogma of the futility of opposing sup-

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Forest tax assessment changes worry some

Managed Forest Tax Rebate cancelled, forest land to be assessed at 25% of residential tax rate

by Jerry Grozelle

Good news to Ontario's forested land owners may be bad news for municipalities. The provincial government has announced that it is replacing the Managed Forest Tax Rebate system with a different assessment value. Instead of receiving a rebate, forest property will be assessed at 25 per cent of the residential mill rate.

That's the good news.

The bad news is that municipalities which have been accustomed to receiving much higher tax payments from forest properties will now receive 75 per cent less. In areas where large tracts of forested private land exists, it could mean a substantial decrease in revenues for the municipality. Those municipalities will have to find ways of making up the shortfall.

As far as the farm and forest tax rebates, I think that kind of assistance is crucial," said Jeanne Anthon, reeve of Anson, Hindon and Minden. "But now, municipalities are having to assume 75 per cent of the responsibility. In other words, they (the property owners) will be assessed differently and only pay 25 per cent of the usual residential tax, and therefore, the municipalities somehow have to make up the difference, as opposed to the government reimbursing."

Anthon noted that the change won't have any major repercussions in Anson, Hindon and Minden.

Other municipalities in Haliburton County, such as Dysart et al, may experience a significant reduction in revenue as a result of the change.

"There are a lot of private woodlots which have been receiving the rebate, so I don't know what the impact will be," Anthon said. "Of course, the removal of the education tax (from the property tax base) is supposed to accommodate all this, but that's another major unknown."

Sustainability

Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson said the new system of taxation will ensure that the property owners manage their forests sustainably. It is also aimed at ensuring that forest industry jobs will continue to be available.

"There are other val-

ues that can be protected by managed forests as well, such as deer habitat," Hodgson said. "The MNR has pamphlets and there will be certification inspectors who will have to come in to make sure they qualify."

Hodgson said the forest property will be treated exactly the same as farms, which will be similarly assessed, as opposed to getting a rebate.

The loss of revenue to municipalities will be made up through the province's \$1-billion Community Reinvestment Fund, Hodgson explained.

Direct costs of doing that will not be transferred onto municipal property taxes.

"What was happening was that people couldn't afford to have trees on their property," Hodgson said. "So, they were cutting down the trees and planting corn to get the farm tax rebate."

Hodgson said that 40 per cent of all hardwood comes from private land, so it is a job issue as well as an environmental issue.

"I think the people in this province want to see forest and wildlife habitat maintained and enhanced," Hodgson said. "Forest owners wanted it, snowmobile clubs wanted it, environmentalists wanted it, hunters wanted it ... it makes it financially viable to have a forest again on private land."

Impact uncertain

Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey said it is too early to determine the effects of the transfer.

In my view, that is why this billion dollar fund was set up," Fearrey. "I don't disagree with what they did. We want to sustain our forests. As long as the rules are rigid to qualify for it, number one, and number two, that someone with 300 acres doesn't qualify for it."

Fearrey is concerned that it may throw the municipality's books out of balance.

"I think it's going to be a sizeable amount," he said. "I don't have any estimates on it, but I would guess it will be around \$300,000."

Again, the details at this point are sketchy. Fearrey wondered whether or not all the property owners' holdings would fall within that assessment. He noted that in the case of Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, some of the property is lakefront.

"How will that affect it?" Fearrey pondered. "There are so many questions unanswered."

The only thing he is sure about is that it will have an impact. The extent of the impact and whether or not the Community Reinvestment Fund will provide compensation for the shortfall remains to be seen.

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Reformers isolated from effects of change

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posedly inexorable market forces, the virtues of rugged self-sufficiency, and the embracing of globalization, New Zealand's Labour party introduced radical spending cuts, widespread privatisation of formerly public utilities and services, and the deregulation of trade and industry.

Douglas, since Labour's defeat in 1990, hasn't been idle. He has toured around the world — including Canada, speaking on invitation to parties such as Ralph Klein's and Harris' conservatives, besides the federal Reform party, addressing the issues of structural reform — including, significantly, how to get it done. The advice he gives, not surprisingly, is to do what he did: move fast, don't blink. And in 1993, he even wrote a book on the subject.

Douglas' opus *Unfinished Business* is essentially, besides being a proclamation of the validity of the policies his party introduced, a type of 'how-to manual' for the implementation of structural reform. The message is clear, and hardly surprising: Douglas identifies 'interest groups' — people who benefit in some way from the existing political structure — as the greatest threat to governments implementing reforms, and recommends rapid action to keep them from forming a massed front. He even delivers little capsule sermons, in highlighted paragraphs throughout, with gems like: "Consensus among interest groups on quality decisions rarely, if ever, arises before they are made and implemented. It develops after they are taken, as the decisions deliver satisfactory results to

the public," and "Do not try to advance a step at a time. Define your objectives clearly and move towards them in quantum leaps. Otherwise the interest groups will have time to mobilise and drag you down," even "The fire of opponents is much less accurate if they have to shoot at a moving target."

Besides the use of the blitz, says Kelsey, there is the use of the sense of orthodoxy, and inevitability. So when the neocons start preaching there is no alternative, generally, people believe them. And when Harris speaks of common sense, whether or not it's sense (which perfectly respectable economists have been known to quite loudly dispute, despite certain less than strictly honest apologists' claims to the contrary), it becomes common.

"I think there were a number of factors," she says. "One is that there is a widespread ignorance of economic issues and economic arguments, which allows those who claim a specialist or expert knowledge to secure the ground or secure the agenda, and then to dismiss as out of step or dinosaurs any of those who produce alternative economic ideas. And certainly the power of the

various international institutions — such as the OECD, the World Bank, but also the likes of the credit rating agencies, and *The Economist* magazine and so on all play an important role in creating that image of an international orthodoxy for those views."

There were some odd contradictions in that argument of orthodoxy. Kelsey laughs. "Here we were told that what was being done was simply orthodox, at the same time as they were telling us that we were leading the world."

How such a movement proliferates in the absence of hard evidence of the success of their theories — and there is still precious little of this, it can be easily argued — is only a slightly more complicated matter. Kelsey mentions a few things.

"For one thing, it was exciting, exhilarating," she says, "for those involved in it. Especially in comparison to what had been seen as a relatively mundane period of stable government, the welfare state, an interventionist economy. This was risk-taking — although very few of them actually took the risk themselves. It was their chance to put a mark on the world. So there was ego, there was money, there was power, and there was excitement. We even had sort of former union leaders and so on becoming key actors in the process."

"The other important effect is that those who were advocating the change surrounded themselves with like thinkers, and lived in an environment which constantly praised and reinforced what they were doing. So they were in a sense cocooned or insulated from either having to engage in debate or from having to face the negative effects of what they were doing. And that again was not an accident. One of the strategies they talk about is the importance of establishing change teams of officials and private sector activists, backed by politicians who were insulated from any forces that

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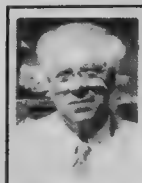
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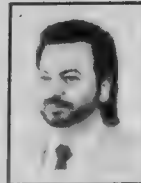
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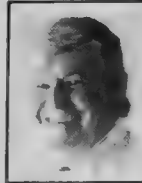
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might impede the process of change. So that ensured that they weren't troubled by the normal democratic process of democratic debate, even of legislative and parliamentary debate. They lived in a world where the only people they communicated with were those who shared their ideals."

Cure worse than disease

If some of it sounds a little cynical, that's probably because it is. And not surprisingly, says Kelsey, so now are many New Zealanders on the subject.

The reason they might be a little cynical is perhaps even more chilling than the rather callous attitude of such reformers to such niceties as democratic principles. Canadian readers might be interested to hear, if they haven't already, those 'satisfactory results' which are eventually supposed to win the public and the so-called interest groups over to the reformers' side haven't exactly always been too quick to arrive, however dogmatically governments might follow the prescriptions to which their rhetoric leads.

Indeed, some of those results have never arrived, though Douglas has been travelling the world extolling the benefits of his brand of reform. Kelsey — whose involvement in the issue began with her work with the Maori — one of the groups in society most vulnerable to the polarising economic impact of such reforms — now herself attempts wherever possible to visit interested groups in the same countries Douglas visits, to point out a few of the inconvenient little facts that rather directly contradict neoconservatism's most cherished dogmas. She was in Canada around a year ago. And she points out that after more than a decade as the textbook experiment in structural reform, New Zealand is in many ways much worse off than when it began the process.

If this is a cure, it looks as if it may be a lot worse than the disease. And the most recent numbers on New Zealand should quite definitely raise a shadow of doubt in even the most diehard neocon believer. The public debt, despite the government's stated intentions, initially burgeoned to unheard of levels under the reform measures, possibly due in part to the anti-

"We are actually finding now that the consequence of those changes has been the virtual disintegration of those key areas of government."

— Kelsey



BREAKFAST CLUB: The Lions Club donated \$500 to the Archie Stouffer school council's breakfast club program last week. The program feeds children who come to school hungry, with the intent to facilitate learning. Left to right are ASES principal Peter Forgrave, school council member Ron Callaghan, Lion Ted Preston, and council member Maureen Bennett. Bennett says the program is going extremely well, with 40 volunteers already having come forward to help, meaning volunteer hours are manageable. They estimate 35-40 children took advantage on the program's first day, Monday of last week.

inflationary measures (another often favoured neocon ideal) of the central bank. The debt doubled under the Labour government's restructuring, and peaked at 52 per cent of GDP in 1992, under a similarly inspired National government. Indeed, the New Zealand government's debt numbers didn't really start improving in any serious way until the mid-90s.

The government's debt situation is improving rapidly now (the most recent predictions were for net foreign currency debt to reach zero for this year). But this is hardly such good news as it may sound. Something almost darkly poetic has happened to that debt. New Zealand as a whole — including the private sector — is now even more severely in debt to foreign interests. The debt is simply being held now by private citizens and companies — and that debt is severe — with foreign debt having burgeoned from \$12 billion in 1984 (at the start of the reforms) to \$67 billion as of 1994. As of September 1996, it was at 85.4 per cent of the country's GDP. Private citizens are holding increased debt loads in some very interesting areas: student loans, pension schemes, health insurance, and housing — all the areas from which the state abdicated.

GOVERNMENT BY BLITZ

Failure of the market model?

Couple all this with the increasingly unskilled, low-wage economy such measures may very well be encouraging, and it sounds like one very unpleasant future. But all in all, says Kelsey, there is some light at the end of the tunnel. Told last week of Ontario's recent experiments with downloading services to local governments, and reducing state expenditures, Kelsey laughs softly. "Well," she says, "we are actually finding now that the consequences of those changes has been the virtual disintegration of those key areas of government, and that they're now trying to remedy it. So one of the positive features of what's happening now is that the failure of the market model is becoming quite explicit."

Isn't that a rather painful way to learn the lesson? Kelsey laughs — maybe a little wearily.

"Yes," she says. "It is. But if others will be able to use that information and not have to suffer quite the degree of pain, then at least some benefit will come from it."

"And we're now," she concludes, "starting to be much more positive about working out ways of getting out of the chaos they've created."

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Unfortunately, too often, we wait until the death of an older family member triggers us into a concern for our own heritage. We then talk about Great Aunt Jane or Grandpa Jones and his three-legged cat; and we all know of another relative who has a family list in a Bible or from a newspaper clipping. Some of us even know that "Uncle George" once sent away for his full family tree, and a genuine family crest, from a heraldic society, usually overseas. But, we are usually content to wonder what ever happened to those documents and whether they were authentic or not.

Well, there's no need to wait for someone else to do it. You can start your own family tree with a piece of paper and a pencil. Record all the names of your immediate relatives along with the dates and places of their births, marriages and deaths. You then have the nurtured seedling of your tree!

Next, phone or write these same relatives, tell them what you have started, and ask them to help you by sending you further details or corrections to your work. In twenty years of hobby type genealogy, I have never met a relative who wouldn't help someone else who had started working on their family tree! The very best way to get a response from a relative is to first send them a copy of what you have already gathered (I sometimes even stick in a "blatant" error!), and reward anyone who sends you new information with an updated, or corrected copy of their branch.

All worthwhile hobbies have some associated costs. The only significant initial cost to your hobby could be postage, and perhaps some photo copying.

Once you've "caught-the-bug" and become interested in learning more about your ancestors, there are several avenues to explore. In Canada, each province stores the usual records of births, deaths, and marriages; and, they also store many wills, partnerships and other legal documents that can be treasured sources of genealogical information. Copies of the contents of the Provincial Archives for Ontario are available to you in Toronto; or can be available by mail through most provinces, counties, states, and countries throughout the world. Pick a likely source, add in some key dates and names, and anyone can write for further details. Sometimes a "searching fee" is assessed to cover the librarian's time devoted to your inquiry.

Computers may well have been invented specifically for genealogy! Any aspiring teenager can tell you that computers are designed to collect, re-organize, list, connect, save, and otherwise "crunch" out information. That's exactly what genealogy is all about. There are several computer programs available now for family tree record keeping.

The recent explosion of uses of the World Wide Web and the Internet have included many ways to further expand your own family tree. Not only can individuals send a personal inquiry to another Internet user, perhaps an Australian relative, in just a few seconds, but, you can search through all sorts of lists to see if there are other "Jones" who may have been born around 1820 in Scotland, in Ireland, or many other countries of the world.

There are many genealogical "lists" freely available to any Internet user. The entire telephone directories of Canada, the USA, Australia and likely several other countries are on the "Net" today, for you to

search. You can send messages (electronic mail — e-mail) to anyone else on the Net for the cost of a local telephone call from your computer. Genealogists are exchanging information to expand their own family trees around the world.

In Haliburton County, a small group of hobby-genealogists have been meeting three or four times a year to discuss ways to expand their own trees, and learn how others have managed to trace "Dear old Uncle Bob". By sharing, we further enjoy this leisure hobby, and encourage others who may want to further trace their ancestry.

On February 12, the Haliburton Highlands Genealogical Group meets at 7:00 p.m. at the Minden Public Library with an emphasis on Computer Genealogy. We hope to demonstrate two private computer systems, linked to the Internet for this meeting. Anyone interested in family trees is welcome to join us this evening. For further information, phone Carol Miles at 286-1752 or Nancy Stinson at 457-1106.

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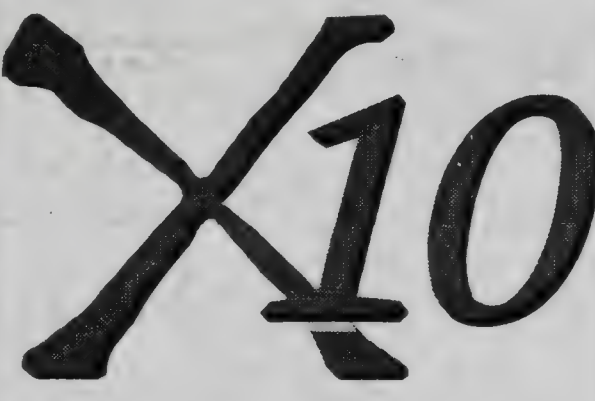
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St. Paul's Friendship Club euchre game winners from Monday, January 13, included Nancy Gayton with most lone hands, Joan Mackenzie and Pearl Cowen with the highs and the 50-50 draw went to Hazel Austen.

The Preliminary Lists for the 1997 Haliburton County Fair to be held August 15, 16 and 17, can be picked up in Minden at McMahon's Feed 'N' Harness, Country Magic, Stedmans and Haliburton Chamber of Commerce and in Haliburton at Marty's Custom Knits and Stedmans.

First, second and third at Stanhope Library Bridge games held Tuesday, January 14 were Wynne Hansen, June Branning and Morris Hansen respectively. The games are held every Tuesday at 1 o'clock and no partners are required.

Club 35 euchre game winners for January 13 included Ivan Kernohan with most lone hands, June Branning and Bob Lewis with the highs, Jean Randell, Jim Cowen and Harry Randell. Verna Sawyer took the 50-50 draw and everyone is welcome to

join the euchre group every Monday at 7:30 p.m. No partners needed.

Branch 636 Legion Seniors euchre games are usually a lot of fun but this week was even more so when the group celebrated the 60th birthday of Howard Smith as well as playing bid euchre. The winners for January 14 included Marcel Rouselle, Verna McDonald, Ken Young and Bill Menard with highs, moonshots went to Kay Smith with two and Georgina Parkes and the hidden score to Iris Taylor.

Don't forget the delicious Roast Beef Dinner at Zion United Church in Carnarvon on Saturday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. For information or advance tickets call 489-2924.

Bid Euchre games held at Stanhope Firehall on Wednesday, January 8 saw June Branning with 278, Marcel Rouselle 276, Ken Wallace 263, Jean Scadden 256, Myrna McCarthy 232 and Barb Robitaille with 229. There were also seven (count 'em) moonshots!

Bid euchre games at Stanhope on Wednesday,

January 15 saw Grace Dixon with 311, Helen Lee 285, Ruth Kellett 236, Ken Young 320, Lottie Ruttan 218, Walter Ackerblade 205. There were only three moonshots this week but a very special prize was awarded to Muriel Harrington for playing hard enough to get 30 in 8 games! Well done!?! Muriel.

Two sets of results from Branch 636 euchre games - on January 9 the winners included Grace Dixon and Murray MacKinnon with most lone hands, Verna McDonald and May Bradbury with the highs while others were Ann McCreight, Al Cooper, Helen Lee, Marg McAfee, Grace Dixon and Sherwin Brown. The January 16 game winners were: Sandy Jeickhofer and Ken Young with most lone hands, Vi Edgson and Truman McNeil, highs, and Vivian Anderson, Marcel Rouselle, Grace Dixon and Ken Young.

We got a nice little e-mail from Irv and Marion Mandel from the sunny south and they were visited by regular columnist Gord Graham and his wife Dianne. It's fun to hear from our "Snowbirds" and this writer was especially happy to hear that Gord and Dianne are home after a well-deserved break.

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The family of Marjorie Young would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all those who phoned, sent cards, food, floral arrangements, kind words and prayers. A special thanks to our Minden Hospital, St. Joseph's Peterborough, the staff at Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, the V.O.N. and Red Cross Homemakers. Our Uncle Clark and Aunt Glenda who have been there for us every step of the way. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful family and friends who have gone that extra mile to make it easier to deal with this difficult loss.
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I would like to thank everyone for their care and visits before and after my surgery December 17th. Special thanks to my Comrades and friends at Legion Branch 636 and the L.A. Thanks Pat and Cliff for getting Ralph back and forth to curling. Thank you Doreen and Bern for having the three of us there for Christmas dinner and again for the Sunday following Christmas. Also thanks for all the other things you took care of for us. Thank you Hanna and Henry for the meals you brought down to us, for taking me to the specialist in Oshawa, for doing my banking, for picking up groceries, for picking up our mail and everything else that you have done. A very special thank you to our son Christopher, my rock, without his love and support I'm not sure I could have continued on.
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Bruce, Brenda and family wish to thank everyone who attended Bruce's 65th birthday party.

In this time of government cut backs etc., I would like to thank the various organizations who helped so much - the staff of the Haliburton hospital, the V.O.N., the Hospice group, the Home Support, the nursing staff from Para Med Health Services, the Ambulance drivers, Dr. Conway and Dr. Senders, the London Life (Prudential Retired Group) who paid for a lot of the full time nursing. I never met a more caring and thoughtful group of people who not only cared for Don so well, but constantly thought about my needs too.
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My sincere thanks to everyone who sent their best wishes, gifts, cards, calls and the party that was held for me. To my Sisters in Cellulite, I say a big thank you for all their support in the past. I'll miss you all. My thanks to my host and hostess, Scott and Marion - you both should happen to everyone! I'll also miss my wee summer get-togethers with my ex-patriot Scottish friends. As the song goes, "I'm no awa' tae bide awa'." I promise I'll keep in touch.

Annie Kelly.

There are so many people to whom I wish to express my deep appreciation for their kindness, both before and after Bill passed away. To the nurses and staff of Extendicare/Haliburton who took him to their hearts during the nearly two years that it was his home and particularly those who gave him such loving care during his difficult final days, I am especially grateful. My thanks also to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for the funeral arrangements they carried out with such thoughtfulness and despatch. My gratitude to Pastor Lloyd Johnson and the other Comrades of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 for their comforting support, as well as the moving Memorial Service which provided exactly the send-off that Bill would have approved. To the Ladies Auxiliary who catered the refreshments afterwards and to the Ontario Ministry of Health for their representation at the Service, I add my appreciation. And finally, my heartfelt thanks to the many friends who telephoned or sent cards of consolation and especially to those whose warmth and attendance made the Memorial Service the very special occurrence which my family and I shall always remember. Truly, Minden is the "place where I'd rather be."

Angela O'Neill.

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Brad & Carolyn Redner.

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AT REST

GRIFFIN:

Lorne Wellington

At Victoria Manor in Lindsay on Monday January 13, 1997 in his 88th year. Beloved husband of the late Edith Handy. Survived by his daughter-in-law Mary Griffin of Lindsay. Loving grandfather of Cindy Vader and her husband Marlin of Lindsay, Michael and his wife Rhonda of West Guilford and Jamie and his wife Denise Griffin of Lindsay. Dear great-grandfather of Vanessa, Andrew and Nathan Vader, Paul and Timmy Griffin and Sherman, Raymond and Karin Griffin. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by son Sherman, his brother Fred and sisters Elsie Packard and Viola Barjarow. Friends and family called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday, January 14, 1997 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Wednesday morning, January 15, 1997 at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer's Society or Victoria Manor for Victoria House Development would be appreciated by the family.

WALKER, Richard

passed away suddenly at the Minden Hospital on Thursday, January 16, 1997, in his 82nd year. Dear brother of Robert and his wife Florence, and predeceased by Rodney Walker, Walter Walker, and Bessie Sedgwick. Dear uncle of Basil, Jim, Mary, Francis, Barbara, Marjorie, and Edith. He will be missed by his family and friends. Rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday, January 20 at 1 p.m. Spring Interment Gelert Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund or to the Gelert Cemetery Fund would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

STATATA:

Wesley O. "Wes"

Passed away peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, January 16, 1997 at the age of 82. Beloved husband of Evelyn Stata of Haliburton. Dear father of Richard and his wife Donna of Oshawa and Sharon of Toronto. Loving grandfather of Sherri and her husband Sean Gault of Toronto. Dear brother of Mary (Mrs. J. Bacon) of Lindsay, Audrey (Mrs. Herb Ireland) of Haliburton, Betty (Mrs. Al Bowry) of Huntsville, predeceased by Florence (Mrs. Clarence Ruttle), Holly, Kenneth and Pearl (Mrs. F. Bacon). Family and friends visited at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday. Then to Haliburton United Church for Funeral Service on Saturday, January 18, 1997 at 1 p.m. Spring Interment Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Victoria/Haliburton Lung Association or to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. A Legion Service was held at the Funeral Home on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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